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CAMPUS REDIVIVUS!

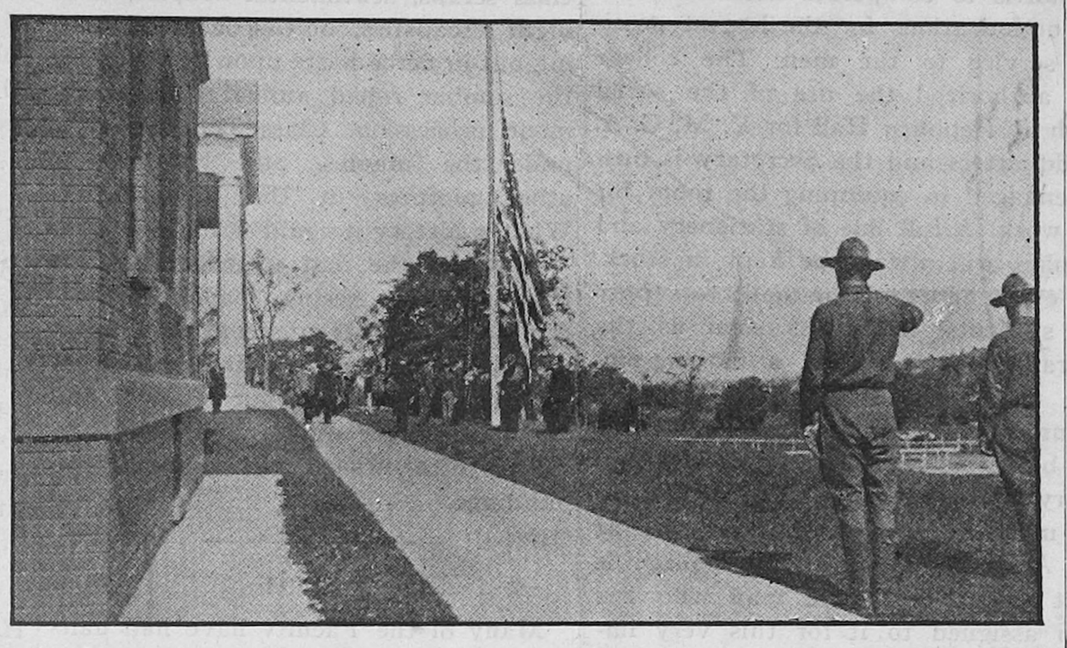
"Where is the Campus?" This is the question that has bombarded the survivors of the 1917-18 Campus Board, and it is certainly a question that deserves an answer. The voice of Midd is not silenced, and its reveille will sound forth every week as before. Our delay has been inevitable because of the difficulty of arranging matters to suit the new order of things and the three term schedule. The board has suffered from the loss of the editor, J. P. Kasper, and illness of D. L. Moody, associate, the only men left on the editorial staff.

But what is left of the Board has returned to college quite ready for any new difficulties which may appear, and the answer is: "Be patient, please, you shall have the Campus."

ON A WAR BASIS

A Students' Army Training Corps has been created by the War Department as a portion of the army of the United States, and Middlebury is one of the several hundred colleges at which units have been established. It is the hope and belief of the Department that a large proportion of the men admitted will show qualities which will warrant their being sent in the near future to officers' training camps. That a requisite amount of academic preparation may be insured, all candidates for membership in the Corps must have had a full high school course or its equivalent, and the training given them during the period of their collegiate stay will be as intensive as is possible and both military and academic in its nature. While exact dates of transfer to officers' training camps, technical training schools, or cantonments cannot be given, it is likely that twenty-year men will be removed by January, nineteen-year men by April, and eighteen-year men by the last of June, their places being taken by new-comers in order that the institution's quota may continue full. The quota will probably be 300 and they will be quartered in Hepburn and Starr Halls. About 200 wi have their mess-hall in the dining-room of Hepburn, and Hamlin Commons is being fitted up as a mess-hall for the remainder. All inducted students will be on active duty status. Their uniforms are furnished them, together with board, room rent, and tuition, and they receive in addition privates' pay of $30 a month.

The Commandant of the Corps is First Lieut. Miles H. Jones, a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and a student in the Harvard Law School at the time of his enlistment in the army. He has made already an excellent impression, both as an able officer and as a man thoroughly interested in promoting the best interests of the student life. Under him are Second Lieutenants Valentine C. Ritter, from the Carnegie Institute of Technology and Guy S. Slusser, from the Virginia Polytechnic. The personnel officer, entrusted largely with the rating and classification of the members of the unit is Second Lieut. Raymond Mc



Raising the flag presented by Ex-Governor John A. Mead at the Induction of the Students' Army Training Corps of Middlebury College into the service of the United States October 1, 1918.

Farland, formerly Professor of Secondary Education in this college. In addition to these officers, it is expected that a surgeon, a dentist, and a quartermaster will be assigned to duty here.

The S. A. T. C. calendar is as follows, the dates being inclusive: First Term, Oct. 1 to Dec. 21; Second Term, Dec. 30 to March 22; Third Term, March 31 to June 21.

THE INDUCTION EXERCISES

The quarantine imposed on the afternoon of September 30 interfered materially with the induction exercises which were planned for Oct. 1. The programme that was to have been carried out in Mead Memorial Chapel, including the presentation of a large flag by ex-Governor John A. Mead, '64, was of necessity abandoned. Mr. Hamilton Holt, the speaker of the occasion, was present, however, and addressed the men of the S. A. T. C. from the chapel steps. For over an hour he held the closest attention of his hearers, as he told them of his recent experiences at the battle fronts of Europe. At the conclusion of his address the flag was run up at twelve o'clock, the college band playing "The Star Spangled Banner", and the spectators standing uncovered. The Commandant then inducted the members of the Corps into the army, the men repeating after him the oath of allegiance, clause by clause. The weather was perfect, and the ceremony an impressive one.

ADDITIONS TO FACULTY

The instructing staff of the college includes this year thirteen new members. Dr. J. G. Stevens comes from the University of Illinois to take charge of the department of economics. Dr. G. M. Strout is to give instruction in the English Department. W. J. Ryland, M. A. (Yale), assistant professor of history, was formerly professor of history and political science at West Virginia Wesleyan College. O. W. Mills, of Clark College, assistant professor of biology, was for nine years professor of biology in Westminster College. L. R. Howard, Middlebury 1899, is teaching in the department of mathematics; and C. J. Lyon, Middlebury 1918, has been released from military service to act as instructor in the chemistry department. The new professor of physical education is Arthur M. Brown, Williams 1907, who comes to us after several years of successful work in the schools of Trenton, N. J. and in colleges of the middle West. Physical education for women is in charge of Miss M. L. Young, formerly instructor in physical education at Mt. Holyoke College, and Director of the Women's Gymnasium, University of Nebraska. Miss M. C. Dutton, of Simmons College, is serving as instructor in home economics. The following Middlebury undergraduates are acting as assistants in instruction: M. Wright, '20, in the department of Romance languages; Hebard, Knight, and Searles, all of '19, in the department of drawing and surveying.

Those detailed for special service with the Middlebury S. A. T. C. unit are, among others, Lieutenant MacFarland (formerly professor of pedagogy), as personnel officer, and W. S. Gooch (New Hampshire State College, B. S. 1906, Hartford Theological Seminary, B. D. 1913) as army Y. M. C. A. secretary.

AN ANXIOUS WEEK

In the wide prevalence of the epidemic of influenza which has befallen the whole country, it could hardly be expected that Middlebury would escape. Whether it be Spanish, or Russian, or, as some will have it, German, matters not. It is here. Rather, it has been here, for the protests against its stay have been made so vigorously and so persistently that it is evidently leaving us. It is true that it has taken a sad toll, that of two lives from our number, but, in comparison with the deaths in many other college communities and the localities generally where it has made its appearance, this is the lightest touch.

The first evidence of the presence of the epidemic was the report of colds accompanied with fever or chills in the cases of a number of men from out of the State. The symptons were not alarming and l'tt'e was thought of any danger until the sudden and severe prostration of one from the numbers of incoming S. A. T. C. candidates, Charles H. Thompson, of Maplewood, N. J., who died September 26. The physicians and the Commandant acted quickly. All men even slightly ill were removed to two of the Chapter houses set aside for infirmaries; strict quarantine regulations were imposed; nurses from town, from nearby localities, and even from Albany were secured; the chief health officer of the State, the military medical men from Plattsburg and physicians from Pittsford, Rutland and elsewhere were summoned in consultation; and, particularly, the local physicians gave themselves unremittingly to the suppression of the disease.

From the time of the sudden awakening to our danger for rather more than a week the rapid prostration of many students, and the development into pneumonia in a number of instances, produced a serious situation. Exaggerated stories of the number and violence of cases flew about the community —it always happens—deaths were reported, and the wires to Middlebury from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and other states nearby were kept hot with anxious messages, fathers and mothers came to town, and all was alarm. Of course there was occasion for much of the distress and it was perhaps not unnatural that fear should outrun the cause for fear. The splendid work of physicians and attendants where the patients were desperately ill, and the quick isolation and subsequent care of all slight cases soon effected a change in the general situation. But even the the most skillful attention and expert advice failed to save a second victim to pneumonia, and Charles Dana Carlson of Peacham, Vt., of the Class of 1920, died on October 3rd. All cases of the epidemic are now very light or are convalescent.

The Women's College had its many sufferers, from the lighter form of the influenza to several critical cases of pneumonia. Isolation in separate buildings, as in the case of the men, was promptly arranged and happily all of the ill are recovering. But this fortunate result came only from unusual and unremitting care. The complaint of one of the young women to her mother, who had come to town to see her, that "since morning I have had six doctors" is suggestive of the care given. So far as the situation now existing in the two Colleges is concerned the quarantine might be lifted. But the prevalence of the epidemic in town and in neighboring districts may cause the State to demand isolation for a few days longer.

The village of Middlebury has had many cases resulting in a rather high death rate. The doctors are overworked, in some cases ill, and nurses are almost impossible to obtain. Yet, in comparison with many cities and villages of Vermont and the rest of New England we have been very fortunate in the comparatively few fatalities that have resulted. This fact makes us more, not less, sympathetic with those homes which have been so grievously smitten.

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PRESIDENT THOMAS NOW CHAPLAIN IN U. S. ARMY

A chaplain's commission with the rank of First Lieutenant, came to President Thomas in August. At a meeting of the Corporation Sept. 7, an indefinite leave from his college duties was granted him, Professor Charles B. Wright being designated to serve as Acting President during his absence. Doctor Thomas left Middlebury on the sleeper Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, for Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., where he will remain for five weeks at the school for chaplains previous to sailing for France. The S. A. T. C. was at the station in full force when his train pulled out, being lined up on the long platform and giving him an enthusiastic send-off with cheers and songs.

It is greatly to be regretted that Doctor Thomas is to be absent from the college in this very important and unusual year, but he has certainly earned the right to render, in these critical days for the nation, the sort of service that he covets. The best wishes of the college, the community, and the state go with him wherever he himself may go.

Our War Service

Most of the College organizations began a vacation on May 6 to be revived at the fall opening. Not so with the War Service Committee. It was necessary that its work go steadily on and that the center of its correspondence and general activity be Middlebury. In the absence of all of the officers, Professor Skillings most generously contributed time and effort to keep the machinery going. No one unfamiliar with the duties falling to the Secretary can easily estimate the labor involved in this service which he rendered to the cause. The Committee here acknowled[illegible] debt to him and congratulate themselves that he has consented to serve with them for the rest of the year.

At the first meeting of the Committee for the year it was agreed to again send the Campus to all men on the Honor Roll and this first number of the paper is being forwarded in accordance with this vote. With it there goes the October roster which shows one hundred more names than one year since. Names of the Committee, a new plan of correspondence, and arrangements for replenishing the funds will be announced in the next issue of the Campus.

Triangle Notes

Everywhere, since the war began, the Y. M. C. A. has followed the colors. So invaluable has been its service, the War Department has given official recognition to the organization and its work. A Y Secretary for War Work, therefore, has been assigned to the S. A. T. C. unit at Middlebury and the promise of a successful Y. M. C. A. year was never so bright as now. The aim of the Association is to co-operate with all existing organizations for the largest possible service to the men. The college has authorized the use of the social room at Hepburn Hall for Y. M. C. A. headquarters and the Secretary is busily engaged in equipping the room for the work. A full line of stationery and supplies will always be kept in stock, and every effort will be made to supply the students' needs. As soon as the quarantine is removed, a moving-picture machine will be installed in the Gymnasium, and the finest pictures will be furnished every week. The Secretary is always ready to be of help to the men, and his headquarters are at the Association room. The college is most fortunate in the man who has been assigned to it for this very important work. He is Rev. William S. Gooch of North Brookfield, Mass., a New Hampshire State College man and a graduate of Hartford Theological Seminary. His tireless energy and marked spirit of Christian friendliness so important in a secretary led the Y. M. C. A. authorities to urge upon him that he secure a leave of absence from his North Brookfield church and enter on this new type of college work. That he has been assigned to Middlebury is a marked compliment to the college.

The Football Schedule

The first three games of the football schedule for 1918, as arranged by Manager C. E. Hamilton, '19, had to be canceled on account of the epidemic, but there are excellent possibilities in store when normal conditions shall have returned, and a successful season is hoped for. There is much promising material among the incoming students, and under the skillful coaching of Professor Brown, the new Physical Director, good results may be expected. The continuance of football in the S. A. T. C. colleges is heartily endorsed by the War Department in so far as it does not interfere with the schedule of military and academic duties, and the sport is encouraged by the Commandant, himself a football star during his college days. The development of rival teams within the college unit is advocated as being specially desirable. The suggestion is certainly a wise one from every point of view. The game which took the place of the canceled Williams game last Saturday showed the possibilities of an intramural series, and was heartily enjoyed by the entire body of quarantined students, both men and women.

Thursday, September 19th, the Young Woman's Christian Association gave a reception to the women of the college, at which the freshmen received their introduction to Middlebury life. There was not a dull moment in the whole evening, which was enlivened by speeches, cheers, and songs under the leadership of Madeline Halford, '19. The program ended with the usual snake dance to the tune of "March On Down the Field."

From the Chapel Tower

What a variety of interesting scenes the old Chapel tower has looked down upon in its more than three score and ten years of observation! There have been thousands of anxious students hurrying to and fro from recitations, class scraps, sentimental couples, midnight escapades, bolting classes pouring out in fierce haste upon the campus, the somber robed annual Commencement procession, Class Day exercises under the maples, and hundreds of other pictures in the kaleidoscope. What a history it could write!

It is not the first view of uniforms that it is now seeing, for in the '60's the young recruits mustered their ranks under the old trees. But it never before saw armed sentries pacing day and night across the walks challenging any visitor who wished to approach the buildings.

Halt!

Many of the Faculty have had hair-raising experiences with the new S. A. T. C. sentries and at musket end have been startled from philosophic calm and brown study by a stentorian "Halt! Who goes there?" One of the members failed to convince the faithful Freshman with the gun, that he was not a dangerous character and the corporal of the guard had to be called for identification.

On Saturday, the twenty-first of September, occurred the first annual social affair known as the "Gym reception." Like everything else, this was a departure from the traditional order of things and took the form of an informal dance. The monotonous formality o a receiving line was abandoned and each individual introduced himself by wearing his name in a conspicious place. This gave the unusually large freshman class a better chance to become a part of the social life of Midd and everyone quickly had the feeling that he "belonged" by the peppy singing and cheering which preceded the dancing. Henry Thomas and Alan Furber were cheerleaders. The "reception" was generally voted to be a success.

Monday, September thirtieth, the college was put under military quarantine for the Spanish influenza, and all classes and social activities were suspended until further notice. Under the direction of Miss Marion Young, their physical director, the women have organized for drill every morning, and hikes are taken daily. Volley ball and Soccer are also popular, and thus far the quarantine has seemed anything but irksome to the students at Pearsons and Battell Cottage.

At a Senior class meeting held at the beginning of the college year, the following officers were elected: President, Fred Jones; Vice-President, Dorothy Nash; Secretary, Laura Fales, Treasurer, Franklin Hebard.

The Juniors have chosen the following class officers: President, William Brackett; Vice-President, Emily [illegible]lard; Secretary, Buena Anderson; Treasurer, Roland McSweeney. The other two classes will have their meetings as soon as the usual college activities are resumed.

Enrollment for 1918

As the physical examination of candidates is still in progress, the roster of students in the S. A. T. C. must be deferred to a future issue of the Campus. Lack of space makes it necessary also to omit from this issue the names and addresses of the freshman students of the Women's College. There are enrolled among the women 37 seniors, 26 juniors, 29 sophomores, and 67 freshmen, a total of 159.

In answer to a request sent out by Dean Ross, as many of the women as could came back Saturday, September the 14th, and the others came soon after, so that the registration of the women was well out of the way by Tuesday. This enabled the Registrar and assistants to take care of the unusual amount of work attendant on the registration of the S. A. T. C.

The college recently purchased the Halpin House, and it is now being remodeled into a cottage for freshmen girls, to be known as Hillcrest. Miss Bertha Wood is to be the resident Faculty member.

The former residence of Professor Seely on South street has also become College property and during the absence of Dr. Thomas will be the home of Mrs. Thomas and the rest of the family.

De Mortuis

Three emotions, though not conflicting, came to one on hearing of the death of Mrs. Skillings of the Faculty circle. First, a sense of personal loss at the taking away of a sunny, happy personality; next an admiration for the splendid courage she showed in fighting a losing battle; then, a deep sympathy with those nearest to her and who will most keenly feel her loss.

The sympathy of the College will go out, too, to Prof. and Mrs. Robinson in the passing away of Mrs. Christina M. Robinson, the mother of Professor Robinson, who died Sept. 30 after a long illness.

MILITARY INFORMATION

Here is some information that is helpful in reading the war news:

An army corps is 185,000 men.
An infantry division is 27,152 men.
A regiment of infantry is 3,755 men.
A brigade is 8,442 men.
A battalion is 1,026 men.
A company is 256 men.
A platoon is 60 men.
A corporal's squad is 8 men.
A field battery is 195 men.
A firing squad is 20 men.
A machine gun battalion has 768 men.
An engineer regiment has 1,666 men.
An ambulance company has 91 men.
A field hospital has 55 men.
A medical detachment has 56 men.
A major general heads the field army and also each army corps.
A brigadier general heads each infantry brigade.
A colonel heads each regiment.
A lieutenant colonel is next in rank below a colonel.
A major heads a battalion.
A captin heads a company.
A lieutenant heads a platoon.
A sergeant is next below a lieutenant.
A corporal is a squad officer.